

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

the specification of which

- is attached hereto
- was filed on January 22, 2000 as International Application PCT/EP00/00469
and including all the amendments through the date hereof.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	65.2 (SD 10.5)
Gender	
Male	58 (45.2%)
Female	67 (52.8%)
Education (years)	12.5 (SD 2.1)
Income (USD/month)	1,200 (SD 300)
Marital status	
Married	75 (58.8%)
Single	10 (7.8%)
Widowed	25 (19.6%)
Divorced	10 (7.8%)
Health status	
Good	85 (66.2%)
Fair	20 (15.6%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Comorbidities	
Hypertension	45 (35.2%)
Diabetes	30 (23.5%)
Cholesterol	25 (19.6%)
Arthritis	15 (11.7%)
Depression	10 (7.8%)
Medication use	
Yes	60 (47.0%)
No	67 (52.8%)
Smoking status	
Current	15 (11.7%)
Former	20 (15.6%)
Never	33 (25.7%)
Alcohol consumption	
Regular	10 (7.8%)
Occasional	15 (11.7%)
Never	42 (32.9%)
Family size	3.5 (SD 1.2)
Living alone	10 (7.8%)
With family	67 (52.8%)
Access to healthcare	
Regular	75 (58.8%)
Irregular	10 (7.8%)
None	23 (18.2%)
Health insurance	
Yes	85 (66.2%)
No	20 (15.6%)
Medication adherence	
High	60 (47.0%)
Low	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare utilization	
Regular	75 (58.8%)
Irregular	10 (7.8%)
None	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare satisfaction	
Satisfied	75 (58.8%)
Dissatisfied	10 (7.8%)
None	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare access barriers	
Cost	15 (11.7%)
Distance	10 (7.8%)
Time	10 (7.8%)
Information	10 (7.8%)
Transportation	10 (7.8%)
Language	10 (7.8%)
Healthcare quality	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider relationship	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider communication	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider education	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider experience	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider empathy	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider respect	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider confidentiality	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider honesty	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider integrity	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider professionalism	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider competence	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider knowledge	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider skills	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider attitude	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider behavior	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider appearance	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider hygiene	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider safety	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider security	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider privacy	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider confidentiality	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider honesty	
Good	75 (58.8%)
Fair	10 (7.8%)
Poor	23 (18.2%)
Healthcare provider integrity	
Good	

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